

Believe Care Persevere Succeed



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Teen Tech

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Hampshire Science event this week in Basingstoke. Along with teams from many other schools, our children thoroughly enjoyed the chance to be inventors for the day. Using their own ideas, they impressed the organisers and came back with some certificates recognising their creativity and fantastic plans. The way they approached the whole event with enthusiasm and impeccable behaviour made us very proud. Adults involved in running the event commented on our children very positively and noticed their excellent attitudes. Well done everybody.

Fireworks

If you haven't got your tickets for the PTA Laser Firework event yet, there are still a few left. It promises to be a fantastic evening so we hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Parking

I am fully aware that what you are about to read in this item of the newsletter does not apply to the vast majority of our very supportive community of parents and carers. I apologise to those of you who are always mindful of others and organise themselves selflessly at all times however, unfortunately, the behaviour of a very small minority continues to cause concern at the start and end of the school day.

It is important to remind all parents and carers of the need to take care at drop off and pick up times each day. There are still instances of cars parking on the zig zag yellow lines at the front of the school. These must be kept clear at all times. Please also ensure that you do not stop on the road opposite the school driveway. This causes an obstruction and is another part of the road which needs to stay clear of parked vehicles.

There are also times when cars park in the passing place on the school driveway. This causes congestion and also impacts on access to the Site Manager's house. In addition, cars are then turned around on the school driveway by reversing onto the grass leading to damage to the surface of the grassed areas or, even worse, reverse out onto the busy Newchurch Road.

We are also experiencing repeated use of the school car park by parents and carers who are not authorised to do so. Regular reminders and requests to stay out of the car park are being ignored and the congestion caused is very concerning.

We will be issuing car park passes to those parents/carers who are authorised to use it. If you think that you or your child has a valid reason for the use of the school car park, please email me directly and your request will be considered and a pass issued if appropriate.

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In order to ensure that the car park is only accessed by authorised users, we will be installing a camera system on the gates.

I sincerely hope that I will be able to give a positive update in the next newsletter and that the situation quickly improves.

FS and KS1 Sharing Assembly – change of day

The final assembly for Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage will be held on Wednesday 18th next week. This is due to the Harvest Assembly on Thursday morning.

Harvest Festival Assembly

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival Assembly next Thursday at 9.15am. Each class contributes to the event and parents and carers are all welcome to attend. We will be collecting items to donate to the local foodbank and these can be brought in to school from Monday. Currently the foodbank are asking for the following:

<i>These items are most needed Please avoid donating out of date items</i>	<i>We have plenty of the following in stock so please choose other items – thank you</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Tinned meat – hot, eg. Chilli, hot dogs, stewing steak</i>• <i>Tinned spaghetti/ravioli</i>• <i>Cooking sauces</i>• <i>Long life fruit juice</i>• <i>Hot and cold desserts</i>• <i>Instant mashed potato</i>• <i>Powdered milk</i>• <i>Marmite</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Pasta</i>• <i>Rice</i>• <i>Tinned soup</i>• <i>Tinned baked beans</i>• <i>Pulses</i>• <i>Tea and coffee</i>• <i>Hot and cold cereal</i>• <i>Non-dairy milk</i>• <i>Sanitary products</i>• <i>Baby food formulas and nappies</i>• <i>Hand soap</i>• <i>Dog and cat food</i>

Movie Night

Thanks to the fabulous PTA team, the children enjoyed the first Movie Night of the academic year last week. These events are always popular and it is wonderful to see the children of all ages watching the film together.

Parent Meetings

The Phase Leaders have now held these short meetings for parents to share information relevant to specific year groups. If you were unable to attend due to work commitments, the information that was shared will be sent home to everyone via email.

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Parent Consultations

These took place this week and it was good to see so many parents and carers taking the opportunity to come in and talk to the teachers about their child's learning. If you were unable to attend any of the appointments, the teachers will be in touch to arrange a telephone consultation with you.

Kind regards,

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INSET Days 2023-2024
Monday 30th October 2023
Tuesday 2nd January 2024
Tuesday July 23rd 2024

DIARY DATES	
October 2023	
Monday 16 th	Book Fair finishes
Wednesday 18 th	Foundation Stage 2024 Intake open Morning
Thursday 19 th	Harvest Festival Assembly 9.15am
Friday 20 th	PTA doughnut sale after school
Saturday 21 st October	PTA Laser Fireworks Display
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 30 th	INSET
Tuesday 31 st	Children return to school
Tuesday 31 st	Remembrance Poppies on sale at school from today
November 2023	
Thursday 2 nd	Foundation Stage Bear Hunt in Pamber Forest
Friday 3 rd	Annual Flu Vaccine (whole school)
Friday 3 rd	Bags to School collection
Tuesday 7 th	PTA Movie Night
Friday 10 th	School Remembrance Day
Thursday 16 th	Foundation Stage 2024 Intake Open Morning
Friday 24 th	Non-school uniform day – items donated for Christmas Fair
Friday 24 th	Tadley Christmas Lights Switch On – BCP children all welcome to sing
Monday 27 th	Whole School Drumming Workshops

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December 2023	
Friday 1 st	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance to Grandparents – 9.30am
Saturday 2 nd	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 4 th	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm
Monday 4 th	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance – 6.00pm
Tuesday 5 th	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance – 9.30am
Tuesday 5 th	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance – 6.00pm
Wednesday 6 th	Rock Steady Concert – 9.30am
Wednesday 6 th	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance – 3.30pm
Saturday 9 th	PTA Breakfast with Santa Event
Tuesday 12 th	PTA Wreath Making
Wednesday 13 th	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14 th	PTA Discos
Friday 15 th	Christmas Church Service
Friday 15 th	Break up for Christmas
Saturday 16 th	PTA Breakfast with Santa Event
January 2024	
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET
Wednesday 3 rd	Children return to school